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SUBJ: WEIZMAN MESSAGE TO SADAT AND GAMASY CONCERNING
ISRAELI MILITARY MANEUVERS

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1. WHILE WE WERE WAITING FOR INITIAL MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND BEGIN TO BEGIN SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 10, I DREW WEIZMAN ASIDE AND PASSED ON TO HIM THE RESPONSES FROM GAMASY AND MUBARAK REPORTED IN REF A. WEIZMAN WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESPONSES, PARTICULARLY WITH GAMASY'S FAVORABLE COMMENT ABOUT HIS WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT THE EGYPTIANS ON THIS MATTER. WEIZMAN THEN SAID THAT BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE COMPLEXITIES OF PLANNING OPERATIONS OF THIS SIZE, HE MIGHT DECIDE TO DEFER THE LARGEST OF THEM UNTIL MARCH IN ORDER TO MOVE IT FARTHER AWAY FROM THE FORWARD LINES. HE HAD MADE NO FINAL DECISION ON THAT, HOWEVER. I FEEL SURE HE WILL DISCUSS IT FURTHER WITH GAMASY DURING THEIR MEETING, TOWARD WHICH HIS ENTHUSIASM REMAINS AT A HIGH PITCH OF EXPECTATION.

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2. WITH REGARD TO CHANGE IN WEIZMAN'S ARRIVAL PLANS CONTAINED IN REF B, I ALSO BRIEFED WEIZMAN ON THIS INFORMATIO AT THE SAME TIME. HE ACCEPTED THE CHANGE WITHOUT QUESTION. I SUSPECT HE IS DELIGHTED TO BE ARRIVING IN DAYLIGHT WITH THE PROSPECT OF GOING BY HELICOPTER OVER SOME THE EGYPTIAN COUNTRYSIDE AND PERHAPS NEAR THE CITY OF CAIRO. HE ASKED ME HOW LONG

HE WOULD BE STAYING. I TOLD HIM IT WAS NOT CLEAR FROM THE MESSAGES, BUT IT LOOKED AS IF THE EGYPTIANS EXPECTED THE MEETINGS TO END THE SAME DAY, THAT IS, DECEMBER 20.

3. THIS CHANGE OF SCHEDULE OBVIOUSLY MEANS THAT WEIZMAN AND PARTY WILL LEAVE BEN-GURION AIRPORT ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 20. (INCIDENTALLY, WEIZMAN SAID TO LEAVE THE 20TH NOW AS THE PROPER DATE, NOT THE 21ST, BARRING SOME UNFORESEEN MEDICAL PROBLEM.)

4. FOR THE DEPARTMENT: PLEASE ADVISE ME SOONEST WHAT CHANNEL TO USE IN COMPLETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE USAF AIRCRAFT.
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